

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3751**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: W. John GARDENIER Confirmation No.: 8270
Serial No.: 10/614,312 Group Art Unit: 3751
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Title: SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND VALVES FOR PROVIDING
PRESSURIZED WATER TO A PLURALITY OF WATER JETS IN A
BATHING ENCLOSURE

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**Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114
and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Response to Office Action is being filed in response to a final Office Action mailed on August 17, 2006. Since this response is being filed on or before November 17, 2006, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account No. 08-1935 for the Request for Continued Examination filing fee in the amount of \$395.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935.